



**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Cart, John Steven

SERIAL NO: 09/870,871

FILING DATE: May 31, 2001

GROUP ART UNIT: 1712

TITLE: Composition of Drilling Fluids Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such Composition

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MAIL STOP: NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND**

1. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to

the Office Action dated December 4, 2003.

other

2. Applicant is

a large entity.

a small entity. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

3. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee- small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee: \$210.00

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$210.00

**OR**

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**4. Fee Payment**

Attached is a check in the sum of \$210.00.

Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**5. Fee Deficiency**

If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 11-0245.

Dated: April 15, 2004

  
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